

was commissioned a second lieutenant of armor in the U.S. Army Reserve on October 20, 1968.

Over the course of his career, Colonel McGill served in a variety of exceptionally challenging troop and staff assignments in Vietnam, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and the United States. After completing aviation training at Hunter Army Airfield, GA, Dan McGill deployed to the Republic of Vietnam where he served as a Cobra gunship section commander and as the Headquarters Company Executive Officer in the Mekong Delta for 15 months. For his achievements during combat then-Lieutenant McGill was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and 37 awards of the Air Medal. After completing his combat tour, Dan then served with the Army's elite 82d Airborne Division for the next 3 years.

After attending the Armor Officer Advance Course, Dan returned to Fort Bragg, where he once again served with the 82d. He had the distinction of commanding two different cavalry troops for a total of 3 years. The length of Dan McGill's command time is a reflection of his extraordinary ability to lead soldiers.

Colonel McGill's potential for increased responsibility was rewarded with selection for and attendance at the Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, KS. Dan continued his service in a series of challenging assignments following his graduation from Fort Leavenworth. First, he spent 2 years in South Korea in a joint assignment as a personnel officer and then he returned to the United States to serve in the Pentagon as a staff officer in the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison.

Dan McGill then had the distinction of being selected for battalion command and returned to Fort Bragg to serve as the commander of the 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry, in the 82d Airborne Division. This cavalry squadron is the eyes and ears of the All-American Division. Through sustained superior performance Colonel McGill once again proved he had an unsurpassed ability to lead the world's finest soldiers. He commanded in magnificent fashion.

After graduation from the Army War College, Colonel McGill served on the III Corps Staff until he once again assumed his natural role of a leader of soldiers. He assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division's Aviation Brigade at Fort Hood, TX. Dan performed magnificently as a brigade commander and during this time served our Nation in combat for a second time, in the Persian Gulf.

Following the brigade command, Col. McGill returned to Korea to serve as the Chief of Staff of 8th U.S. Army. He culminated his service to the Nation as military deputy to the Army's Chief of Legislative Liaison and as the staff director of the Vietnam Commando's Commission.

Colonel Dan McGill has distinguished himself as a leader during a remarkable career of service to our Nation. He has continuously displayed the professionalism, integrity, and dependability our country has come to expect from its Army officers. He has answered the call of service unwaveringly and our heartfelt appreciation and best wishes for the future go with him as he prepares for his next endeavor.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FLORIDA MARLINS

### HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 29, 1997*

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Florida Marlins for having won the 1997 World Series Championship. Created by Wayne Huizenga, administered by Don Smiley, built by Dave Dombrowski, and managed by Jim Leyland, this young team achieved the top honor, to which 28 teams aspire, in just 5 years. By reaching the World Series in record time, the Florida Marlins is the youngest franchise ever to win the World Series and has thus assured itself a place in history.

Before this season, the Florida Marlins had never been in the playoffs. Throughout the 1997 division series, however, they never trailed in games won. They initiated their quest by overpowering the San Francisco Giants and then went on to win the National League championship series by upsetting the Atlanta Braves. Then, in a dramatic, extra-inning, seventh game, they defeated the Cleveland Indians to become the 1997 World Series Champions. Within 5 years, the Florida Marlins attained a monumental goal that has historically taken championship teams decades to accomplish.

The players who accomplished this feat are: Kurt Abbott, Moises Alou, Antonio Alfonseca, Alex Arias, Bobby Bonilla, Kevin Brown, John Cangelosi, Jeff Conine, Dennis Cook, Craig Counsell, Darren Daulton, Jim Eisenreich, Alex Fernandez, Cliff Floyd, Felix Heredia, Livan Hernandez, Charles Johnson, Al Leiter, Kurt Miller, Robb Nen, Kirt Ojala, Jay Powell, Edgar Renteria, Tony Saunders, Gary Sheffield, Rob Stanifer, Ed Vosberg, John Wehner, Devon White, and Greg Zaun. Their coaches are: Rich Donnelly, Bruce Kimm, Jerry Manuel, Milt May, Larry Rothschild, and Tommy Sandt.

The Marlins' victory was a victory for all Floridians. In a community as diverse as ours, people from different backgrounds have united in their admiration and pride for our baseball team. I applaud the athletic prowess of these men and commend the dedicated efforts of their coaches and manager. I know that the Florida Marlins will continue to give Floridians a spirit of unity and strength in years to come and look forward to another championship season in 1998.

## TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. SWIG

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 29, 1997*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Richard L. Swig, who passed away on September 25, 1997, at the age of 72. Dick was a universally respected San Francisco businessman, a dedicated philanthropist, and a devoted community leader in the bay area.

Mr. Speaker, I have known Dick, Cissie, and the whole Swig family for almost 50 years, and my wife Annette and I have loved and ad-

mired them for all that they have meant to our community. We first met Dick's wonderful parents in the summer of 1950. Although they were part of San Francisco's social and business elite, and we were just a young couple in the academic community, they enthusiastically accepted our invitation for dinner at our tiny and modest apartment. Dick's late father, Ben Swig, made one of his very last public appearances at the wedding of our younger daughter, Katrina, in the summer of 1980.

Dick first set foot in San Francisco over half a century ago. After serving in the Navy during World War II, the Massachusetts-born Swig moved to the west coast to begin a career with the Fairmont Hotel, which his family had purchased a few years earlier. Dick spent several years learning about every facet of the business, working in management, publicity, and service-oriented positions. In 1953, at the age of 27, he became the hotel's president.

For over four decades, Dick's leadership made the Fairmont the model of luxurious hospitality and one of the most highly regarded hotels in America. World leaders, famous celebrities, and San Francisco visitors with an eye for excellence would call the Fairmont home during their visits to the bay area. The hotel's unqualified success spawned six similarly elegant hotels across the country, in New York, Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, Dallas, and San Jose. Dick demanded the same levels of superiority and class at these establishments as he did at his San Francisco flagship, and they realized the same degree of achievement.

Said his son Rick: "His legacy both to the Fairmont, a company he dearly loved, and as a hotelier in general, is inestimable. . . . His management style was inspired not only by great care and attention to hotel guests, but also the extraordinary recognition of his hotel staff. In the days of independently owned luxury hotels . . . he set standards for us all." Upon his death, the Fairmont flags flew at half-staff. So did every other flag on every other San Francisco building, per the order of Mayor Willie Brown. This tribute reflects the scope of Dick's contributions, which extended well beyond the Fairmont to the entire bay area community and humanitarian concerns around the world.

Dick Swig, along with his equally dedicated wife Cissie, devoted a large portion of his life to serving the bay area and to fighting for compassionate causes that he cared so much about. He served as trustee, chairman, or board member of more than 40 charitable, professional, and educational institutions, ranging from the Leukemia Society of America to the San Francisco Symphony Association to the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, of which he served as president.

Dick assumed a particularly strong leadership role in the Jewish community, both in the bay area and nationally, and he worked tirelessly for humanitarian and charitable groups that fought discrimination, educated the public, and served the interests of the community. These organizations included the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Community Federation, the Jewish Museum of San Francisco, and numerous others.

Dick received many distinguished honors for his philanthropic work, including the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi Humanitarian Award, the Golda Meir Award, the U.S. Coast Guard's Distinguished Public Service Award, and the